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You can see the signs in the distance. Liberty in ideas, and toleration of opinions are high at hand.

When churches partake of the nature of political ward meetings they should be abolished. They do more harm than they do good.

If the Devil falls to insist upon his claim, so far as these Negro-haters are concerned, he will have abandoned his usual avocation and deserve annihilation.

Judging by the local election returns from different sections of the country, it would seem that there will be a Republican landslide at the next congressional elections.

The tariff bill is causing the Democrats more trouble and subjecting them to more ridicule than any measure proposed during the past thirty years.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND is said to have gone fishing. Judging from the cranky condition of finance, we thought somebody had been out of place for some time.

The Democratic Party has adopted its unwritten motto, "Man wants but little here below, nor wants that little long."

Every man is guaranteed a fair and impartial trial by a jury of his peers and must have it. Lynch law must go!

LYING is an abominable habit, and yet some people have become so addicted to it that they cannot utter a half dozen sentences without their being tinged with falsehood.

It is well to think enough of ourselves to merit respect, but to go beyond this limit is to produce disgust and make ourselves the object of ridicule.

It is a peculiar time of the year to advise a man to go into business; but then you can afford so to do when so many men are going out of it.

WHITE men who curse the Negro should remember that his shortcomings were not of his own creation; but were fostered by themselves.

We return thanks for the invitation received to attend the Twenty-Sixth Anniversary of the Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute, May 24th, 1894.

Don't grumble because people antagonize you. If you are made of the right material you will drive over their opposition, and enjoy the success which comes to you by so doing.

Don't remain angry with every one who may wrong you. Your face will be long and scrawny, and beauty will laugh at you from every street corner.

If you listen to the tattler and seek the gossip, your peace of mind will leave you, and towns will mar the expression of an otherwise beautiful countenance.

TELL people about the compliments paid them and keep the reflections upon them to yourself. It pays in the long run and makes them feel better.

We return thanks for the invitation received to attend the Closing Exercises of The Hartshorn Memorial College Wednesday and Thursday Eve., May 16th and 17th, 1894 at 8 P. M.

When you look at your flat pocket-book and think about your obligations, it gives you a pain in the heart, and causes an unpleasant sensation in other portions of the body.

We return thanks for the invitation received to attend the Eleventh Anniversary of the Virginia Normal and Collegiate Institute, Petersburg, Va., May 13th, 14th and 15th, '94.

A person who will make you feel miserable by bringing to you all of the filth of the neighborhood is no friend to you, but tends to mar your thoughts, and finally injure your reputation. "A dog that will bring a bone will carry you one."

We return thanks for the invitation received to attend the Twelfth Annual Commencement of the Law Department of Central Tennessee College, Nashville, Tenn., Tuesday, May 15, '94, at 7:30 o'clock P. M.

MORE prayers have ascended to the throne of heaven during the past few months of Democratic misgovernment than has been ever known for a similar period of time during the last quarter of a century. Suffering is the greatest lever for the exercise of this religious privilege.

GOV. MCKINLEY AND LYNCH-LAW. We have been and we are an admirer of Gov. Wm. McKinley, Jr. of Ohio. We have read his speeches, and formed an opinion as to his ideals, but we must confess that his recent inaction with reference to the lynching within the confines of that grand old state has done much to dissipate our visions of his greatness.

We cannot understand it. We cannot see how a man permeated by great principles and guided by the axioms of truth, could allow the prospects of future hon-

or to make him careless of those ordinary rules of conduct without the observance of which no man can be truly great and no people truly free.

We have observed with some amusement, not unmixed with interest the "Kilkenny cat fight" over the paternity and general construction of an Ohio bill against lynch law.

The ordinary laws against murder will reach the case, for lynching is murder.

The making of a community or county pay an indemnity for each person lynched within its confines is the only radical departure.

The lawless elements are encouraged by the silence of the Chief Executive.

The Governors of Texas, Alabama, and Georgia have spoken against lynching, and the last named state has lately engrained upon its statute books a specific law against lynching. These are Democratic states. Can Republican Ohio afford to do less?

A COWARDLY MURDER. The following account will give an idea of the situation of affairs in the South:

Bristol, Tenn., May 15. (Special)—"At Gate City, Va., last night a band of eleven masked men, forming themselves into a 'regiment,' started out ostensibly for the purpose of ridding the town of the inmates of a house of ill-repute. The women had been warned and were anticipating trouble. For this reason they were not in the house where the raiders expected to find them. They proceeded in search of the women, having entered two or three houses in the suburbs. Coming to the house of Samuel Wood, an inoffensive colored man, they were refused admittance. The leader ordered the band to fire on the house. The men were armed with Winchester rifles and revolvers, and about thirty shots were fired through the door of the cottage, killing Wood instantly. His wife and children remained in bed and escaped death. Three of the men are under arrest. They are Jack Downey, R. T. Potter and George Car. Downey and Potter have heretofore been regarded as peaceable citizens. The remainder of the band are hiding in the neighboring mountains."

What think the white men of the country of this? What have colored men to say about it?

Think you that any one of that band of murderers will be punished? We shall see. The only fault with poor SAMUEL WOOD was that he was too peaceable. Alone with his family in his cabin during the silent hours of the night he hears a hammering upon the door reinforced by the sound of angry voices. A demand is made for him to throw wide the portals of his humble mansion, and permit rough, uncouth men to invade the sanctity of his bed chamber.

His wife with her little ones, horror-stricken, crouched in the bed while the husband and father maintained a watch at the entrance to his home. Ah, that scene was one that should cause the vials of sympathy to be opened and invite tears to flow.

This man had done no wrong. His enemies announce that he was not only innocent of any wrong-doing, but was known as a peaceable man. Today all that was mortal of him has been consigned to Mother Earth and his spirit has returned to God who gave it.

The cries of orphans, and the lamentations of the widow have stirred the neighborhood, and black and white persons are indignant over the outrage. But what of the murderers? What has the sheriff done? Is the commonwealth's attorney interesting himself in the matter?

This occurs at Gate City, upon the soil of old Virginia. The outrage rivals any which mars the pages of Texas history. What will be done about it? Our position in these matters is perfectly plain. Colored men living in lonely communities should be as careful in purchasing Winchester rifles and revolvers as are prudent men in taking out insurance policies in large cities.

These weapons should be used for hunting game and the like during days of peace and upon cowardly, murderous marauders during nights of trouble. Oh, that Woods had been prepared! The lesson would have been healthy, as well as beneficial and other innocent colored men might have been saved a similar fate. It is well enough to say that he was a good man, peaceable and inoffensive. It would have been far better to say that he was a brave man and died in defense of his home.

We should have shot down those outlaws with as little compunction of conscience as we would a rabbit, and we believe that the liberal minded citizens regardless of color would have known us in it.

We know that the law justifies such action. We do not believe in retaliation but insist upon self-defense. When colored men do this, realizing that they can die but once, lynch-law will go and the lynchers with it.

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